

Letters

Parties and the PTA

EDITOR THE PRESS:

I am writing in the interest of our children and their welfare in our schools.

There are so many many reasons why this should be written. The main factor is that I am not quite sure just where this letter should go.

That is why I am sending it to this paper first.

Since I have lived in California and sent my children to these schools, I have seen this condition go from bad to worse. We have four wonderful children and normally we want only the best for them in everything they do.

There is so much talk these days about the juvenile delinquents and why California seems to have a higher crime rate than most states. That is why I am concerned over the neglect of children in this school area.

Eight years ago when we first enrolled our child here things were pretty nice. Now I am so disappointed that I almost hate to have to send them at all. No wonder the children are rebelling. I don't know if the parents are at fault or the principal or the president of the PTA, but I am sure some one is.

I have been a member of the PTA for the past 14 years and have served in several offices, but I have never had to buck such a situation before. We always had the cooperation of all the teachers and the principal too.

I can't understand a mother who is not willing to help her child to a better life. My main objection is the way the children are being neglected on special occasions. My fondest memories are those of special holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, the president's birthdays, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and the closing of school. I am not saying that all of these should be observed here.

I can understand that most of the mothers nowadays work a good part of the time, and that the schools are just glorified baby sitters.

But I do say that when they cut down to the two holidays of Christmas and Easter that they should be celebrated a little better than some of the present plans. I have asked repeatedly why, but so far have only got

sarcastic remarks from the principal and members of the PTA board.

We were told that to have a Christmas party in the rooms might work such a hardship on some of the families who have several in school that we couldn't even exchange the smallest gift in class. Now I understand the PTA organizations are supposed to help with these families. Yet nothing can be done, so they say.

A few weeks ago a talent show was given, a note sent home for the parents to send 25 cents for each child to be able to attend this show. The show was good and, I hear, was a huge success, but we can't have a nice Christmas celebration because the principal and president of the PTA say it would work a hardship on some of the families.

Then a few weeks ago there was another show, this time a puppet show, also a big success and another 25 cents. Yet they can't afford a Christmas party for our children. Yes, on the 18th, they will have a small cup of ice cream and two or maybe three cookies . . . What kind of a Christmas is that?

Do you know what the higher-ups in the organization want to do with the money that should go to the children for this purpose? Buy Winfield china for the organization to use at meetings, that instead of something more practical like Melmac or something unbreakable.

Can you imagine sitting in a filled auditorium with a cup and plate of Winfield china in your lap trying to watch a couple or three active children and keep the china from being knocked out of your hand or even being bumped by an adult?

Now it is things like this that I am worried about. Yet our children cannot be allowed to have a decent time on the two celebrations that we are allowed.

I think that if we, as parents, teachers, and principals were more interested in the welfare of our children instead of trying to put up a big front in PTA things would be a lot different.

There are so many supervised meetings and social gatherings that they could enjoy to keep them interested in school instead of dreading to go at all.

I think that is the reason a good percentage of our teenagers

are quitting school so soon. We, as parents, are willing to do our part to make a better world for our children.

Why, oh why, can't all the others realize this before it's too late to do anything?

NAME WITHHELD

1107 Bay Area High School Seniors Compete for Edison Scholarships

South California Edison Company's new college scholarship program has attracted 1107 high-school seniors from this area and four other districts that

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